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TOPIC Military Information from the Finsterwalde Training Area

EVALUATION [] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1 []
 DATE OF CONTENT [] 25X1
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 REFERENCES [] 25X1
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- 25X1 1. During the period from 31 July to 4 August 1952, [] tents, personnel and
 25X1 trucks in the area of Buergerheide (heath) southeast of the Finsterwalde (N 52/
 25X1 A 15) training area. The roads in this area were blocked. [] similar
 25X1 observations in the area of Gruenhaus where [] saw three heavy AA guns in an
 25X1 emplacement. Tents, trucks and personnel were also seen southeast of the southern
 25X1 airfield. [] the troops seen there were stationed in
 25X1 Gruenhaus and were only scattered in the woods. A small number of troops wearing
 25X1 red-bordered black epaulets were in the area of Schacksdorf where the roads were
 25X1 blocked and no tents or arms were seen. Telegraph poles with 34 wires extended from
 25X1 the Buergerheide area as far as the area of Gruenhaus and Schacksdorf. At 6:30 on
 25X1 5 August, a column of trucks [] carrying a field
 25X1 kitchen, []
 25X1 each occupied by 3 or 4 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a
 25X1 bus were seen, coming from the direction of Schacksdorf and proceeding toward Gruen-
 25X1 haus. The column was followed 15 minutes later by another column of six trucks
 25X1 [] At about 7 a.m., a column
 25X1 of eight tank trucks, []
 25X1 [] and truck [] came from the direction of
 25X1 Finsterwalde and proceeded toward Gruenhaus. Trucks []
 25X1 [] loaded with boxes came from the direction of Schacksdorf
 25X1 and proceeded toward Gruenhaus at about 7:10 a.m. []
 25X1 [] numerous soldiers and guns were in the area of Kostebräu, 10 km south-southeast
 25X1 of Finsterwalde. *
- 25X1 2. At 10:30 a.m. on 8 August, about 15 trucks, []
 25X1 [] 2 tank trucks, 3 x 76.2-mm AA guns, and 1 x 85-mm
 25X1 AA gun were entrained in Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15). Sedan [] and truck
 25X1 [] stood at the ramp. **
- 25X1 [] Comment. These observations supplement observations [] in
 25X1 the Finsterwalde area during the period from 21 to 29 July. []
 25X1 The motor vehicle columns belong to units of the Third Gds Mecc Army. Other information
 25X1 indicated that the units which had assembled in the Finsterwalde area since mid-July
 25X1 had left on 8 August.

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Comment:

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Components of the unidentified AAA unit which had moved from Zerbst

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to Finsterwalde in mid-April may have been entrained.

It is plausible that the shipment was bound for Tustrow.

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